

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

1. (original) An ointment patch comprising a support, an ointment, and optionally, a separator, wherein the ointment is coated on one surface of the support in an amount of 0.1mg to 200mg per 1cm<sup>2</sup> of the support and the support has a thickness of 1μm to 2000μm and 50% modulus of 5g/cm to 600g/cm.

2. (original) The ointment patch according to claim 1, wherein the support has a water vapor permeability of 100g/m<sup>2</sup>/24hrs or higher.

3. (original) The ointment patch according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the support is composed of a copolymer of vinyl acetate and acrylic acid, the copolymer obtained by copolymerizing a vinyl acetate, an alkyl ester of a (meth)acrylic acid with the alkyl having 4 to 14 carbon atoms on average, and a (meth)acrylic acid in amounts of 0 to 90wt%, 10 to 97wt%, and 0 to 15wt%, respectively, and the copolymer is cross-linked.

4. (currently amended) The ointment patch according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~  
claim 1 or 2, wherein the support is formed from film overlaid with cloth.

5. (currently amended) The ointment patch according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~  
claim 1 or 2, wherein the support is non-ointment-migration-permissive.

6. (currently amended) The ointment patch according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~  
claim 1 or 2, wherein the support includes an adhesive layer disposed on the ointment-coated surface of the support in order to allow the ointment patch to adhere to skin ~~with a part of the patch~~.

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7. (currently amended) The ointment patch according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~   
claim 1 or 2, wherein the ointment patch is folded onto itself to bring the ointment-coated surface into contact with itself.

8. (currently amended) An ointment applicator comprising a support, and an adhesive layer disposed on one surface of the support to allow the ointment applicator to adhere to skin ~~with a part of the applicator~~, wherein the support has a thickness of 1 $\mu\text{m}$  to 2000 $\mu\text{m}$  and 50% modulus of 5g/cm to 600g/cm.

9. (currently amended) The ointment applicator according to claim 8, wherein the support has a water vapor permeability of 100g/m<sup>2</sup>/24hrs or higher.

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10. (original) The ointment applicator according to claim 8 or 9, wherein the support is composed of a copolymer of a vinyl acetate and an acrylic acid, the copolymer obtained by copolymerizing a vinyl acetate, an alkyl ester of a (meth)acrylic acid with the alkyl having 4 to 14 carbon atoms on average, and a (meth)acrylic acid in amounts of 0 to 90wt%, 10 to 97wt%, and 0 to 15wt%, respectively, and the copolymer is cross-linked.

11. (currently amended) The ointment applicator according to ~~any one of claims 8 to 10~~   
claim 8 or 9, wherein the support is formed from film overlaid with cloth.

12. (currently amended) The ointment applicator according to claim 8-~~to 11~~or 9,   
wherein the support is non-ointment-migration-permissive.